

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said metal component comprises a face plate forming ~~at least a part~~ almost the entirety of the face portion, and a sole plate forming ~~at least a part~~ almost the entirety of the sole portion, and

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming ~~at least a part of~~ the crown portion and a side plate forming the side portion, the resin component being provided with an opening for accommodating the face portion and the sole portion of the metal component and a flange formed along an edge of the opening and supporting an edge portion of the metal component, and wherein

the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof, whereby a maximum thickness T_r at the rear end is in a range of from 2.0 to 8.0 mm, and a minimum thickness T_f in a front end zone of the sole plate is in a range of from 1.0 to 3.0 mm.

2. (currently amended) A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown ~~portion, a~~ portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown portion,

said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion, and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and said hosel portion includes a tubular part into which a club shaft is inserted, ~~and the~~ tubular part is being integrally formed with the metal component, extending upwardly to extend from the sole plate and being connected to the metal component only at the sole plate.

3. (previously presented) A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown portion,

said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion, and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and wherein

said hosel portion includes a tubular part into which a club shaft is inserted, and the tubular part is formed separately from the metal component and the resin component, and

the resin component M2 is integrally provided with a tubular portion protruding into the hollow and forming a socket into which said tubular part of the hosel portion is inserted.

4. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2, 3 or 12~~ 1 or 2, wherein the resin component further includes a side plate forming at least a part of the side portion.

5. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~2, 3 or 12~~ 2, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof.

6. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2, 3 or 12~~ 1 or 2, wherein the sole plate is provided on the fringe thereof with a continuous or discontinuous rib.

7. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof, and the sole plate is provided on the fringe thereof with a continuous or discontinuous rib.

8. (withdrawn and currently amended) The golf club head according to ~~claim 1, 2 or 3~~ claim 2 or 3, wherein the metal component further includes a continuous or discontinuous turnout wall forming a part of the side portion.

9. (withdrawn and currently amended) The golf club head according to ~~claim 1, 2 or 3~~ claim 2 or 3, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof, and the metal component further includes a continuous or discontinuous turnout wall forming a part of the side portion.

10. (withdrawn) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the metal component further includes a frame bridging between the face plate and sole plate.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown portion,

said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion, and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and wherein the metal component is provided along a front end of the sole plate with a continuous or discontinuous slot.

13. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2, 3 or 12~~ 1 or 2, wherein the depth of the center of gravity is in a range of from 40 to 55 mm.

14. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2, 3 or 12~~ 1 or 2, wherein the sweet spot height is in a range of from 15 to 30 mm.

15. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2, 3 or 12~~ 1 or 2, wherein the depth of the center of gravity is in a range of from 40 to 55 mm, and the sweet spot height is in a range of from 15 to 30 mm.

16. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2, 3 or 12~~ 1 or 2, wherein the sole plate forms ~~the~~ almost the entirety of the sole portion.

17. (new) The golf club head according to claim 3 or 12, wherein the resin component further includes a side plate forming at least a part of the side portion.

18. (new) The golf club head according to claim 3 or 12, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof.

19. (new) The golf club head according to claim 3 or 12, wherein the sole plate is provided on the fringe thereof with a continuous or discontinuous rib.

20. (new) The golf club head according to claim 3, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof, and the sole plate is provided on the fringe thereof with a continuous or discontinuous rib.

21. (new) The golf club head according to claim 3 or 12, wherein the depth of the center of gravity is in a range of from 40 to 55 mm.

22. (new) The golf club head according to claim 3 or 12, wherein the sweet spot height is in a range of from 15 to 30 mm.

23. (new) The golf club head according to claim 3 or 12, wherein the depth of the center of gravity is in a range of from 40 to 55 mm, and the sweet spot height is in a range of from 15 to 30 mm.

24. (new) The golf club head according to claim 3 or 12, wherein the sole plate forms almost the entirety of the sole portion.